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**To:** Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

**From:** Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network

**Date:** December 3, 2020

**Subject:** Natural Sciences Lab Requirement for Summer Term 2021 and Fall Term 2021

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Dear Provosts and Chief Academic Officers:

Here are the policies related to the natural sciences lab requirements for Summer Term 2021 and Fall Term 2021.

For Summer Term 2021, if students are not able to meet in-person for their natural science lab requirement, the policy of not requiring in-person or hybrid natural science labs for OTM courses and TAG courses will still be in effect. Organic Chemistry highly recommends in-person lab experiences if possible.

For Autumn Term 2021, students should meet in-person for their natural science lab requirements for OTM courses and TAG courses if students are back to attending classes in-person. This means that institutions will need to plan for offering natural sciences labs both in-person (if students are back to attending classes in-person) and virtually (**if students due to COVID-19 cannot meet in-person**).

I have been receiving inquiries regarding this matter and I consulted with the Natural Sciences Faculty Leads.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Be Well and Stay Strong,